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Most teachers of the Deaf have a very special feeling for their vocation. Our Miss Eleanor is no exception. Indeed, it can be safely stated her teaching career has been a Dedication. Graduating from the Carbondale High School here in Pennsylvania and then from the regular and post graduate courses at Blair Hall, New Jersey, she entered the Oral school here in Scranton, for training in 1902. Her training teacher was Miss Ada R. King, well known and loved by older members of our Alumni. Two years later, in September 1904, Miss Eleanor started to teach at the school, thus realizing the ambition cherished since her sophomore days in High School — "to teach deaf children to speak and to read lips". She has never taught in any other school.

Her summers have been devoted to the continuance of her preparatory work. She attended summer schools of North Western University, Johns Hopkins University, Central Institute of St. Louis and took an intensive course under Dr. Max Goldstein at the Russell Sage Foundation in N.Y. City. Her work in these four, coupled with work done in extension classes under Columbia and New York Universities, Pennsylvania State College and University of Pennsylvania, earned her a Class A Teacher's Certificate for Academic work by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf Inc.

She has never lost her deep interest in her career, each year the challenge has been greater. Methods have changed somewhat. Little children seem more aggressive, their interests and experiences broader, which in all probability may be due to the marvelous inventions of the times — such as auditory equipment in the class room, the movies and television. Asked for her impressions of the years, Miss Jones says:—

"My impressions from my first year to this final one have been happy ones. I am glad I entered this field of work, I feel it has greatly enriched my life. When I meet former pupils who have been definitely successful in their work and program of living, I am proud to have had a little part in their educational preparation. I'm proud to have made such a legion of friends among my former pupils who will live forever in my heart and memory."

What do we of the Alumni, her former pupils, say? There are times when mere words are inadequate to express our true emotions. In retrospect we cannot but wonder what our lives would have been if we had not come under the influence of Miss Eleanor's teaching. So from our hearts we say a simple Thank You! and offer up a prayer that God will continue to Bless her and keep her happy always.